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The guide assembly 46 moves with the mover housing 44 along the X axis and about the Z axis and guides the movement of the mover housing 44 along the Y axis. The design of the guide assembly 46 can be varied to suit the design requirements of the device stage assembly 10. In the embodiment illustrated in Figure 1, the guide assembly 46 is generally rectangular shaped and includes a left guide end 68, and a spaced apart right guide end 70.

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Specifically, the reaction component 76 and the moving component 78 of each X guide mover 48A, 48B interact to selectively move the guide assembly 46 and the mover housing 44 along the X axis and about the Z axis relative to the stage base 12. In the embodiment illustrated herein, each X guide mover 48A, 48B is a commutated, linear motor. The reaction component 76 for the left X guide mover 48A is secured to a left mover mount 80 while the moving component 78 (not shown) of the left X guide mover 48A is secured to the left bracket 74A at the left guide end 68 of the guide assembly 46. Similarly, the reaction component 76 for the right X guide mover 48B is secured to a right mover mount 82 while the moving component 78 of the right X guide mover 48B is secured to the right bracket 74B at the right guide end 70 of the guide assembly 46.